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TO AMEMBASSY TEHRAN

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SUBJECT: MODE-AGRICULTURE/FAS REQUEST TO ESTABLISH AN
ASSISTANT ATTACHE POSITION IN IRAN BY FY-78

1. DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE, FOR FOREIGN AGRICULTURAL
SERVICE (FAS), HAS REQUESTED AUTHORITY TO ESTABLISH AN
ASSISTANT ATTACHE POSITION IN TEHRAN BY FY-78. PRESENT
AUTHORIZED POSITIONS IN IRAN FOR FAS ARE ATTACHE, AMERICAN
SECRETARY, AND TWO FN PROFESSIONALS (STATE 220251).
(RE TEHRAN 7422, FAS IS STILL CONSIDERING POSSIBILITIES
FOR MEETING THE APPARENT NEED FOR AN FN BILINGUAL CLERK-
TYPIST.)

2. WHILE FASTO 85 (MAY 21) STATED USDA WAS PREPARED TO
AUGMENT TEHRAN STAFF AT EXPENSE OF OTHER POSTS, FORMAL
PROPOSAL TO ADD AMERICAN OFFICER POSITION IS INCLUDED IN
SDA GENERAL REQUEST TO INCREASE WORLDWIDE MODE CEILING.
THEREFORE, WE ARE MOST INTERESTED IN COM'S ASSESSMENT BOTH
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OF THE NEED FOR AN ASSISTANT ATTACHE AND OF THE IMPACT OF

SUCH ADDITION ON EMBASSY'S ADMINISTRATIVE SUPPORT CAP-
ABILITIES. GENERAL CONCERN HERE TO STREAMLINE USG OVERSEAS
PRESENCE (STATE A-2527) STILL APPLIES.

3. WE HAVE JUST SEEN TEHRAN TOFAS 187 (OCTOBER 10) AND
HAVE INFORMED FAS WE SHARE YOUR INTEREST IN A DETAILED
DEFINITION OF JOB TO BE DONE. UNDERSTAND LETTER TO
COM GIVING DETAILS IS IN PREPARATION. KISSINGER

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